

POLICY
TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Any person who has applied for a license as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has one or more criminal convictions may be required to appear before the Board.

The following persons **ARE REQUIRED** to appear before the Board before any license may be issued:

1. Any applicant who has a felony conviction;
2. Any applicant who has been convicted of multiple misdemeanors; and
3. Any applicant who has been convicted of a class A or B misdemeanor within five (5) years from the date of application.

The following persons **ARE NOT** required to appear before the Board before any license may be issued:

1. An applicant who has been convicted of nothing more serious than a Class C misdemeanor, or its equivalent in other states;
2. An applicant who has been convicted of no more than one misdemeanor, which occurred more than five (5) years from the date of application.

The Board's administrator, in consultation with a Board member, a Board consultant, or the Board's attorney, is authorized to issue a temporary authorization pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-142 and to determine whether or not the applicant needs to appear before the Board before a license can be issued.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Physical Therapy on February 17, 2012.